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Between 1 and 9 August 1955, the occupation of the Flak Kaserne (8321) in Merseburg was increased to approximately 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 8 August 1955, at 1300, the following column, which came from Thuringia, was observed moving into the barracks installation: 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 x JA-12 caterpillar tractors, 2 trucks each towing a 76-mm field gun, 16 trucks, 5 sedans, and 2 field kitchens. It was observed that the unit was stationed in the north and the north-west section of the installation.

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Comment: According to available records strong elements of the 76th Arty Brig of the Gds Motz Rifle Corps were in Altengrabow between 25 July and 5 August. Information on 5 shipments to and 4 shipments from Altengrabow has been received. The present report shows two combinations. Either one of the shipments from Altengrabow arrived in Merseburg on 6 August, or a unit of the howitzer artillery regiment, which is equipped with 24 x 122-mm field howitzers, returned from an exercise. No information has been received so far on the distribution of the billeting areas among the 3 regiments of the brigade in the widespread barracks installations.

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